

26:57-27:26 The Passion Narrative – Jesus is Tried

26:57-68 Sanhedrin Trial

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

26:69-74 Peter’s Denial

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

27:1-10 Judas’ Suicide

27:1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was

condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.⁴He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

27:11-26 Jesus before Pilate

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so."¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our

children!” ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.